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Cuban Invasion Planned

Bay of Pigs Veterans Won't Repeat Goofs.

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CAN ANTI-CASTRO veterans of the Bay of Pigs, backed by a Cuban rum millionaire, overturn Castro?

Over 200 former officers who were in the Bay of Pigs disaster are staking their lives that they can.

The rum manufacturer, Dr. Jose M. Bosch, has spent two years and \$100,000 creating a civilian organization called RECE (Representation of Cuban Exiles). RECE is now financing preparations by survivors of the invasion Brigade 2506 for a new invasion strike at Castro with up to 20,000 men.

Such a strike, they are convinced, would topple Castro. They cite repeated statements of Juanita Castro, Fidel's sister, that 90 per cent of Cubans are ripe for revolt.

The Brigade 2506 veterans have enrolled able-bodied Cubans throughout the world. The latter are now being sent to Central America for military training.

Claim Thousands

"We have lists of 30,000 Cubans ready to fight Castro," said Dr. Rafael Labrada at Brigade 2506 headquarters in New York City. "They have enrolled in our 'military census' taken throughout the United States, in Latin America, in Europe, even in the Philippines and the Congo. We have a list of 1,800 right here in New York City."

U.S. neutrality laws prevent their military training on U.S. soil.

"But we've been giving hundreds of volunteers basic physical training to harden them up on the farms of friends not far outside the city," Dr. Labrada said.

Already 217 former invasion Brigade officers are organizing the new military organiza-

tion. It will be led by one of the three top officers of Brigade 2506, Maj. Erneida Oliva, now in Central America. Most of the officers had received advanced training in the U.S. Army after they were ransomed from Castro's prisons.

"We won't repeat mistakes," said Dr. Labrada. "We'll have ships, guns, tanks, anti-aircraft, everything we need, when we hit Cuba again. In the Bay of Pigs, we had supplies for only six hours. Next time we'll be prepared to fight ten days."

Since it takes around \$1,200 per soldier to put a task force into battle, the cost of a new-born brigade officer and other Cubans are confident that Dr. Bosch can raise that amount.

Dr. Bosch is head of family-owned Bacardi factories in Puerto Rico, Mexico and Brazil that yield an estimated \$15 million profit annually. And "Pepin" Bosch enjoys the confidence of Cuban and U.S. millionaires and of Latin Americans in government.

"If he'll put up \$1,000,000 of his own money, he can raise \$100 million," said a former Cuban ambassador to the United States. "But we haven't seen the million."

Pepin Bosch has already spent nearly half a million preparing the way for the new military strike against Castro. He spent \$100,000 to query 100,000 Cuban exiles the world over and obtain the approval of 40,000 for RECE.

He also put up over \$250,000 to help launch the U.S. Committee for a Free Cuba, to keep the anti-Castro cause alive.

The Brigade 2506 veterans are convinced Bosch can come through with the necessary money to build their second invasion force without U.S. backing or supervision.

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